

## Parish of Richmond e-News

*By God's grace, building a loving & caring community wherever we are*

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Thursday e-notices to: [richmondparish@gmail.com](mailto:richmondparish@gmail.com) (by Thursday afternoon)  
Sunday bulletin notices to: [ceker01@xplornet.ca](mailto:ceker01@xplornet.ca) (by Wednesday evening)

### *The Importance of Small Groups*

Two more discussion groups are resuming in the parish this week. Participation is entirely informal. Your friends are welcome, too.

- This **Sunday afternoon** (1-2 pm) at the Atlantic Inn Jacksonville the popular "Sundays at Fusion" series resumes for post-sermon discussion
- This **Tuesday evening** (7 pm) at 24 Hillcrest Ave Hartland the Clarke living-room discussion group begins Bishop Hockin's *Connecting in a Disconnecting World* (no need to have the book in advance)
- And remember there are Bible studies on **Sunday mornings** at 10 in the Parish Centre and on **Wednesday evenings** at 7 in the rectory.

### **RICHMOND THIS SUNDAY**

- Holy Eucharist at **Holy Trinity** (9 am), **St John's** (11 am) & **St Mark's** (7 pm)
- Bible study at the Parish Centre (10 am)
- Sunday School at **St John's** (11 am)
- If you know of any **shut-in** who might like a home visit, contact the rector (328-3042) or Agnes Scott (277-6386).

This coming week's birthdays: **Gladys Tracy**

**Vestry** meets tonight (Thursday) in the Parish Centre, 7 pm. Open to all.

Next Thursday 18 October there will be a broadcast and discussion of **Terry Banscombe's 2012 NB Christian Ashram message** on Building Kingdom Leaders at the Parish centre, 7pm. **Cindy Derksen** is convenor.

Remember to pick up **Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes** for filling. **Return by 18 November**. Organizers are **Katie Saunders, Melba Parkinson, Jill Craig** and **Rosanne Carpenter**.

Because of those burnt-out families earlier in the year and now with Christmas and winter coming, the **Compassion Fund** could stand a financial boost.

Lots of work is going on in preparation for the seven events in the Richmond-Woodstock **Spiritual Renewal Weekend**, Friday-Sunday 16-18 November. Details will soon be on the parish website.

In the news: *"Talks have begun within the [ecclesiastical province of Canada] about merging the dioceses of Quebec with Montreal, Nova Scotia with Fredericton, and the three Newfoundland dioceses into one. Delegates to the 20-23 Sept 2012 meeting also voted to reduce the size of the triennial synod from 31 to 23 members."* See <http://anglicanink.com/article/gloomy-financial-future-facing-anglican-church-canada-0>

For this week's Diocesan e-News, see [http://anglican.nb.ca/e\\_news/121009\\_a\\_enews.html](http://anglican.nb.ca/e_news/121009_a_enews.html)  
The service now has more than 1000 subscribers.

### **RICHMOND NEXT SUNDAY**

- Holy Communion at **St Mark's** (9 am) & **St John's** (11 am);  
Morning Prayer at **Holy Trinity** (9 am)

### **PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER THROUGH THE WEEK**

*Dear God,* help us to remember that you chose us in love before we were conceived and you know the plans you have for us. You did not choose just me and fellow Christians but all humanity – our friends, our self-defined enemies, criminals, atheists. Grant us the wisdom and understanding to be able to have love for each and every person with whom we interact, through the power of your Holy Spirit, in Jesus' name.

### **REMEMBER THE FOOD BANK WHEN YOU SHOP**

Next deliveries: **St John's** (16 October); **St Mark's** (23 October); **Holy Trinity** (12 November)

### **PRAYER CHAIN GROUP**

Prayer Chain is **a group who pray daily for people or situations**, as requested by people of the parish and community. To request prayer, please call or speak to any one of the following and your request will be passed on:

**Jill Craig**                      328-2315  
**Melba Parkinson** 325-9519  
**Peggy Martin**                328-8903  
**Alice Farrell**                594-0593  
**Marjorie Grant**            328-6760  
**Rosanne Carpenter** 328-2582

You can give as much or as little information as necessary. Just a name is fine. God knows our needs before we ask.

### **PARISH ADVANCE NOTICE**

<b>16 Nov</b> (Friday)	Spiritual renewal weekend with Bishop Hockin begins
<b>18 Nov</b> (Sunday)	Return date for Operation Christmas Child boxes
<b>9 Dec</b> (Sunday)	Advent service of lessons & carols at St Mark's, 7 pm

### **KEEPING INFORMED**

For many details of activities and lots of photos, join the **Facebook page** of the "Anglican Parish of Richmond": <http://www.facebook.com> and view the parish website at <http://www.parishofrichmond.ca/>